

for this amendment is found in the specification at page 3, lines 12-13. No new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment and remarks of the preliminary amendment be entered and made of record in the instant application. Favorable consideration of Applicants claimed invention is respectfully solicited.

No fee is believed due. However, if the Examiner determines that any fee is due, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up Copy of Claim 16**

16. (Amended) The catheter of claim 14 wherein the [voids are] void space of the sponge coating is greater than about 60% of the volume of the sponge coating.

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